



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5168

LCO No. 1150

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH
PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS FOR
ELECTION TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of section 7-192a of the general statutes, any municipality
3 may, by ordinance, establish (1) a voluntary program for the public
4 financing of campaigns of candidates for election to the offices of chief
5 executive officer of the municipality, municipal clerk, and member of
6 the legislative body of the municipality, who agree to limit campaign
7 fund-raising and expenditures, and (2) a commission to administer and
8 enforce such program. The municipality shall pay the costs of
9 administering and enforcing such program. Any such ordinance shall
10 be subject to the provisions of chapter 150 of the general statutes and
11 shall not contain provisions that are less restrictive than the provisions
12 of said chapter 150. A candidate for any such office who decides not to
13 participate in such program shall be subject to the provisions of
14 chapter 150. Any such public financing shall not be deemed to be
15 public funds for the purposes of subsection (d) of section 9-333l of the

16 general statutes, as amended.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

GAE *Joint Favorable C/R* PD

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APP *Joint Favorable*

FIN *Joint Favorable*